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Production and Marketing Administration
Field Service Branch
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Special Service Memorandum-253

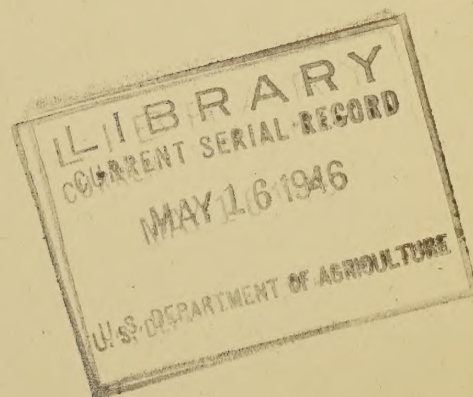
SSM-253
Construction-68

Subject: Lumber

In those areas where farmers are unable to purchase lumber for essential maintenance and repair of buildings or equipment because they lack priority ratings to cover the purchase, the following procedure may be used:

The lumber dealer may appeal by letter to the Civilian Production Administration, Washington, D. C. for a release from the terms of paragraph (d)(2) of PR-33 to the extent required to fill essential farm orders. In making the appeal, the dealer should request permission to replace the same quantity of lumber by a certified order. These appeals should be addressed to Mr. Stanley Ferguson, Lumber Branch, CPA, Washington 25, D. C.

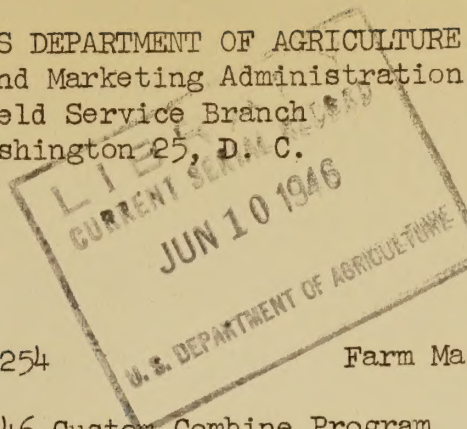
Where farmers are unable to obtain lumber for maintenance and repair purposes county committees should contact lumber dealers and inform them of this procedure. The county committees' endorsement of any appeal will be helpful to CPA in considering appeals.



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SSM-254



May 27, 1946

Special Services Memorandum 254

Farm Machinery Rationing 163

Subject: 1946 Custom Combine Program

This memorandum supersedes the following Special Service memoranda:

SSM-90	Machinery Rationing 145
SSM-90	Machinery Rationing 145, Supplement 1
SSM-186	Machinery Rationing 158
SSM-197	Machinery Rationing 158, Supplement 1
SSM-205	Machinery Rationing 158, Supplement 2

The arrangement with Canada for facilitating passage of seasonal agricultural labor and machinery across the international border will be continued for the 1946 season.

The operation of this program will be handled for the United States by the Extension Service and requests for assistance and information should be referred to the Supervisor of the State Extension Farm Labor Program.

The Extension Service has issued EFL Circular No. 33, "Arrangement for the Movement of Farm Machinery and Agricultural Labor between the Mid-Western United States and the Prairie Provinces of Canada at Harvest Time". One copy of this circular has been mailed from this office to the States of Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

The domestic program for the placement of custom combines during 1946 will also be handled by the Extension Service.

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Field Service Branch
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Special Services Memorandum 255

Construction 69

Subject: Farm Construction Applications

Transmittal of Applications to Regional Office

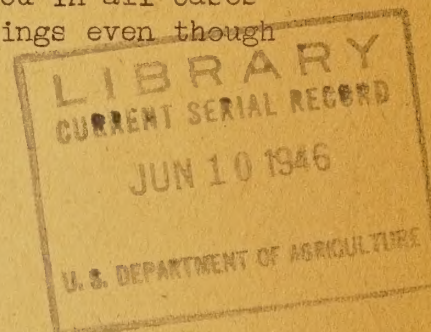
No letter of transmittal is required for the weekly movement of routine construction applications to the regional office. Some difficulty and delay is caused, however, when cases involving special attention are included with a routine transmittal without proper identification and segregation. It is therefore requested that all cases requiring special attention, such as cases involving construction in excess of the \$10,000, \$17,000 and \$50,000 limitations, and all CPA-541A applications be segregated and identified with a letter of transmittal.

Common Errors

A review of applications received to date indicates that some of the most common errors are as follows:

FC-1

1. Copies submitted to regional office are not legible.
2. Estimated cost is omitted. This information is required in all cases including requests for priorities assistance for dwellings even though authority to construct may not be involved.
3. Name of county not given.
4. State approval or disapproval omitted.
5. Form not signed by State official.
6. No indication as to whether priorities assistance is needed on housing applications.
7. Form FC-1 not submitted with CPA form.



CPA-4386

1. Estimated cost of construction or repair omitted.
2. Check mark in square on last page indicating State committee action omitted.
3. Form not signed and dated by State official.
4. Form CPA-4386 not attached to FC-1 when priorities assistance only being requested.

CPA-4423

1. Applications for authorization of non-housing construction are submitted when amounts involved are less than \$1,000.
2. Estimated cost of construction or repair omitted.

A number of applications have been received recommending authorization of construction calling for expenditure in excess of prescribed ceilings. It is urged that State officials examine above ceiling requests (including those from veterans) with extreme care and recommend approval only when construction is absolutely essential to farm production. Although the State committees do not take final action on above ceiling requests, they should make a recommendation on each case.

In cases involving priority only, such as remodeling and repair, all standards of essentiality must be met in the same manner as for new construction.

Form CPA-1-3447

A small supply of Form CPA-1-3447 is being distributed to the State offices. This form contains instructions to the builder concerning the use of HH preference ratings in the construction of farm dwellings. To the extent of available supplies one copy of the form should be enclosed with each approved application for an HH rating when it is returned to the applicant. An additional supply of Form CPA-1-3447 will be forwarded to the State offices within approximately two weeks.